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Do. No. 2522-011

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Yeong-Kwang Kim et al.

Serial No. 09/872,203

Examiner: Julio J. Maldonado

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Group Art Unit: 2823

For: METHOD OF FORMING A THING FILM USING ATOMIC LAYER DEPOSITION

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pleaser change the paragraph at page 7, line 26, to page 8, line 2, with the following:

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These steps allow the non-chemically adsorbed portion of the first reactants 40 in the reactor 10 to be diluted in a very short period of time, for example, a few seconds, thus drastically reducing the overall purging time and purging efficiency during a purging step 32 compared to conventional ALD techniques. This dilution process significantly reduces the partial pressure of the non-chemically adsorbed portion of the first reactants 40 in the ALD reactor 10. Thus, only a very small amount of the non-chemically adsorbed portion of the first reactants 40 remain in the reactor 10 after the removal of the non-chemically adsorbed portion of the first reactants 40 as the reactant 40 is already diluted, thus maximizing purging efficiency. Also, because the first reactants 40 are diluted, intermixing between the first reactants 40 can be sufficiently prevented.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. A method of forming a thin film using atomic layer deposition (ALD), comprising:

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